

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in order to facilitate processing of the above-identified application. In particular, the proper subheadings have been added into the specification, minor informalities in the specification have been corrected, the claims have been placed in proper U.S. format and an Abstract has been added. The amendments are unrelated to a statutory requirement for patentability and do not narrow the literal scope of the claims. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner approves the corrections.

Thus it now appears that the application is in condition for consideration and allowance. Consideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact, by telephone, the applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge
our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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